



Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN



"Promoting a love of learning"

Tuesday 30th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Covid-19 cases continue to increase in children across the city. I want to reassure you that we continue to rigorously follow Leeds City Council's Risk Assessment and that these control measures in place ensure that school remains a safe place for staff and pupils.

In the national press yesterday, The Times stated that currently 1 in 20 pupils across the country are having to self-isolate due to Covid-19. It mentioned that pupil absences have risen by 400% in June with 375,000 children at home.

I am aware that we have had to close a further bubble last night, after a member of staff tested positive for Coronavirus. Sadly, this is the second time in a month that this bubble has closed. I can fully understand parents' frustrations, as my son's bubble has collapsed four times since March 2021!

As a result of increasing Covid-19 cases in school, we are currently receiving quite a few angry phone calls and emails from parents complaining about bubble closures as it affects their daily lives. Please remember that, as a state-maintained school, we are duty bound to follow the government's guidance and put in place all the control measures in the school's risk assessment ensuring that school is a safe place for all. However, we would respectfully request that any issues you might have about this guidance would be better directed at elected officials rather than the school's leadership team and staff, whose duty it is to apply the guidance received.

If your child's bubble closes, school will inform you via our text messaging service. This morning, on the playground, I had to turn some families away who had not checked their mobiles or who had changed their numbers and not informed the school office. It is essential that we have your current contact details – if these need updating then please contact the school office.

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, then please notify school using the usual email address - **positivecovid@beestonprimary.org**. We will then follow the Government guidelines in notifying the relevant parties to any bubble closures. Learning then will continue online until the self-isolation period of ten days ends.

Stay safe and best wishes,

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